Action on Right to Education Bill

410. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether no action has been initiated, either by the States or the Centre, on the Right to Education Bill enabling to make elementary education a fundamental right, so far;

(b) whether the Centre had attempted to get the States enact individual legislations without setting a time-frame; and

(c) whether the Centre would consider enacting a legislation along the lines of Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Act requiring the States to enact Right to Education Bill and with the primary financial responsibility resting with the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) In pursuance of Article 21A of the Constitution, which makes education a Fundamental Right for children in the age group of 6-14 years by providing that *"the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of six to fourteen years in such manner as the State may, by law, determine"*, a draft Model Right to Education Bill has been formulated and circulated as framework to the State/UTs with a view to seek their comments thereon.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government

Drawing of pay without teaching

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SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one fourth of primay teachers are drawing pay without teaching the students;

(b) whether his Ministry had conducted any survey regarding teachers employed in Government schools in all the States so that the information regarding absentee teachers could be obtained;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.